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To: Col. A. H. Frye, Jr. Attention: E. R. Fleury
From: L. C. Furney
In re: Shipments to A. C. Spark Plug Co.

In compliance with your request of January 15, 1947, identified as EIDM CGO-1, a survey of the records of the Special Materials Section was made and an inventory was submitted by Mr. T. G. McDougal of the A. C. Spark Plug Company.

This Laboratory requested that 530 lbs. of beryllium oxide and 2 lbs. of U_3O_8 be shipped to the A. C. Spark Plug Company. The individual requests were as follows:

C-135	150 lbs BeO
C-209	100 lbs BeO
C-219	30 lbs BeO
C-222	50 lbs BeO
C-223	200 lbs BeO
A-306	2.0 lbs U_3O_8

The A. C. Spark Plug Company certified on February 4, 1947 that they have received from the Manhattan Engineer District 909.5 lbs of BeO, 30 lbs of ThO_2 , and 960 grams of U_3O_8 . Of this quantity, 423 lbs of BeO remain as received while 223.75 lbs of BeO has been fired or otherwise processed. The 960 grams of U_3O_8 has not been used.

It is rather difficult to state which BeO has been used for our work in view of the large number of shipments made to the A. C. Spark Plug Company. Apparently other organizations connected with the Manhattan District had contacted the firm for work. The firm had received 379.5 lbs of BeO from the Madison Square Area in excess of the amount requested by this Laboratory.

The 30 lbs of thorium oxide supplied by the University of Chicago may have originated from the Metallurgical Laboratory. However, there are no records in our Special Materials Department supporting such a transfer. This material may have been shipped through the Property Section of the Contractor and Area Engineer.

A copy of the inventory supplied by the sub-contractor is attached.

L. C. Furney
Ass't to the Director

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cc - E. R. Fleury
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